

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Bomi M. Bilimoria) Group Art Unit: 1712
Application No.: 09/870,442) Examiner: D. Metzmaier
Filed: May 31, 2001))
For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE HIGH AND LOW SHEAR RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS DERIVED THEREFROM))))
Commissioner for Patents	

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action dated July 16, 2003. A fee of \$840.00 (\$950.00 for a three month extension of time - \$110.00 already paid) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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